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1. AT BRAZILIAN RECEPTION LAST P.M. UN ASYG KITTANI AND ECOSOC SY CORDOVEZ SAID THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAS ASKED HIS EXECUTIVE STAFF WHAT FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED COMPLETION AMENDMENT ARTICLE 61. UN LEGAL COUNSELLOR (STRAVROPOULOS) VOICED NO OPINION. KITTANI OPINED THAT UPON RECEIPT U.S. ARTICLES OF RATIFICATION FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER SEPTEMBER 24, ENLARGEMENT AUTOMATICALLY IN EFFECT. HE FURTHER VENTURED HIS VIEW THAT RESUMED 55TH SESSION COULD MAKE NO BINDING DECISIONS UNLESS 54 MEMBERS SEATED. AS A RESULT, KITTANI AND CORDOVEZ Musing OVER VARIETY COMPLICATED PROCEDURES WHEREBY GA WOULD ELECT 27NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR REMAINDER 1973. THEREAFTER A SECOND ELECTION WOULD BE HELD FOR FULL THREE YEAR TERMS COMMENCING JANUARY 1. NO THOUGHT GIVEN TO STANDING COMMITTEES.

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2. MIN-COUN VOICED SOME SURPRISE THAT THIS COMPLICATED APPROACH BEING FAVORED SINCE;

A. MEMBERS STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED FOR TERMS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

B. UP-COMING ECOSOC SESSION IS IN FACT EXTENSION OF SESSION COMMENCED WITH 27 MEMBERS AND NOT A NEW ONE.

C. THIS QUESTION FULLY VENTILATED AND ENVISIONED IN PASSAGE ECOSOC RES 1621.

D. DIFFICULTIES OF ADDING COMPLICATED ELECTIONS TO A D'HORIZON ON TO ALREADY OVERCROWDED SESSION.

3. FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT A NUMBER OF DELS WOULD BE SURPRISED AT THIS MOVE SINCE THEY QUITE PREPARED ASSUME OFFICE EARLY 1974 AND POSSIBLY NOT PREPARED PARTICIPATE IN RATHER TRICKY RESUMED SESSION ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, ECOSOC PRESIDENT FRAZAO INDICATED THAT MEETING BETWEEN HIS MINISTER AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD BEEN HISTORIC ONE PRESAGING NEW VISTA OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BRAZIL AND U.S. IN THAT CONNECTION, HE FELT IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT HE (FRAZAO) INSTALL ENLARGED COUNCIL AND PRESIDE OVER FIRST SESSIONS.

5. MIN-COUN EXPLAINED THAT U.S. HAD NO POSITION PRO OR CON AT THIS STAGE BUT IS AWARE THAT SITUATION NEEDS TO BE PROPERLY STAFFED AND PROS AND CONS OF OPTIONS CAREFULLY WEIGHED PRIOR TO DEFINITE COURSE OF ACTION.

COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, FRAZAO WISHES TO SUSTAIN HIS PRESENT POSTURE IN LIMELIGHT AND BE FIRST PRESIDENT OF ENLARGED ECOSOC AND SEE IT WELL ALONG TOWARD UP-GRADED STATUS. AT SAME TIME, WE ADVISED BY OTHER MEMBER DELS, INCLUDING CANADA AND UPPER VOLTA, THAT THEY NOT INCLINED GO THROUGH TEDIOUS EXERCISE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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